



A Brief History of the Tadley Band



Established around 1875, The Tadley Band was formed by some local musicians of Tadley, who used to play at church services at the United Reformed Church and the nearby Tadley Primitive Methodist Chapel. The band used to play at open-air services and hospital charity parades and helped to provide accompaniment for hymns at outdoor meetings held throughout the summer at local non-conformist meetings.

In 1914 the band participated in its first competition at Shaw in Newbury, and were named as '*Most Promising Band*'. Since that time the band has experienced several name changes from "The Tadley Silver Gospel Temperance Band" in its earlier years to "The Tadley Silver Band" and now is currently called "The Tadley Band (Martin Grant Homes)".

After the first few years, the band began to provide music for a much wider variety of events and now appears regularly at concerts and events in and around the Tadley and Basingstoke area and has also performed with many celebrities; Don Lusher, George Chisholm, Billy Connolly, and the late Roy Castle to name a few.

The band participates in both local and national contests to help maintain and improve standards. Over the last 80 years many prizes have been won, for example, the band attended the National Brass Band Contest Finals at the Royal Albert Hall in 1985, and more recently came first (for the second time in a row) at the local Reading Guild Contest held at the Town Hall in Reading.

Supporters are welcome to join our mailing list (free of charge) to obtain regular details of forthcoming events and other topical band news.

Visit us on our web site at <http://www.tadleyband.ukgateway.net>
to find out more about the band and our future events.



The Tadley Band



(Martin Grant Homes)

Musical Director : Marcus Gibbons *LRS*



The Tadley Band provides for a variety of events, appearing frequently at fetes, shows and performing concerts in and around Tadley and Basingstoke. The Band is also keen on participating in contests and competitions as a way of improving standards. We aim to provide music for all tastes, including indoor and outdoor concerts for many local organisations.

The Band is a traditional English Brass Band which has been in existence since around 1875. During this time the band has experienced several name changes reflecting its connections with local churches and the community. Support from our sponsor "**Martin Grant Homes**" is much appreciated as it enables the band to maintain a strong presence in the local community.

Tadley is a small town on the Berkshire / Hampshire border centrally located in the triangle that joins the larger towns of Reading, Newbury and Basingstoke. Players within the band come from all walks of life and travel from as far a field as Farnham and Maidenhead to be part of this unique musical setup. **New players are always welcome.**



There's no substitute for quality





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Marcus began playing the Trombone in Brass Bands at the age of 11. In September 1978, shortly after his 16th birthday, he joined the Army and served for 2 years at the Guards Depot, Pirbright as a Junior Musician with the Army Junior School of Music. In January 1980 he was posted to the Royal Military School of Music, Kneller Hall, where he studied Trombone and Cello. On completion of these studies he was posted to the Royal Army Medical Corps Staff Band (RAMC) in 1981. When, in April 1984 the RAMC Staff Band was officially disbanded, Marcus transferred to the Band of the Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME) at Arborfield, Berkshire. He is currently serving as the Band Sergeant Major and throughout his career he has toured extensively with the REME Band serving in countries as far afield as Hong Kong, the USA, Canada and Cyprus to name but a few. In 1991 he served with a field hospital during the Gulf War.

Directions - Ambrose Allen Centre



Rehearsals

The Band holds regular rehearsals on
Thursday Evening 8:00-10:00pm
at the Ambrose Allen Centre, Franklin Avenue, Tadley.
A warm welcome is assured, especially to experienced brass players
If you are interested in joining, please contact us.



Services / Contacts

The Tadley Band can provide music for all types of events, with an extensive range of repertoire styles to fit any occasion. Our current band comprises between 20-25 players for most engagements. We provide music for formal concerts, festivals, church services, fairs, fêtes, fund raising and public relation events for many local organisations and charities. A smaller group or ensemble can be provided for more intimate occasions, such as Christmas carolling and garden parties.

Please contact us to discuss your particular requirements, or join our mailing list. For further information, or to request the Band's services at your event, please contact our Chairman, Musical Director or visit our website at:

<http://www.tadleyband.ukgateway.net>

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